

## **News Release**

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## **KPD** honors Junior Police Academy graduates

LĪHU'E – Eleven students graduated from the Kaua'i Police Department's third Junior Police Academy class on Friday, June 14, at a ceremony held in the courtyard of Ka Hale Maka'i o Kaua'i, Police Headquarters.

"KPD's Junior Police Academy offers a glimpse into the important roles and responsibilities of our officers, dispatchers, and professional staff," said Chief of Police Todd Raybuck. "I am honored and proud to congratulate our graduating youth on completing this program. As law enforcement and as leaders, we strive to educate and inspire this next generation and hope that one day they might also consider taking the oath to serve and protect their community."

The high school students were honored with a lei and a symbolic Chief's challenge coin, marking their completion of the nine-day training program held from June 3 to 14.

The following students graduated on Friday: Jayvee Agulay, William Andres, Jayshier Castillo, Jonathan Jensen, Gabriel Krause, Chysen Lagunes-Rapozo, Laura Pearl, Noelani Ringering, Kailani Reyes, Brant Tanaka, and Cameron Whittenburg.

KPD's Junior Police Academy is a program under the Kaua'i Police Activities League (K-PAL) designed to introduce students to police operations and law enforcement functions through both classroom and field instruction. The curriculum included instruction on the criminal justice system, crime scene investigations, evidence collection, forensics, Segway training, firearms safety, first-aid CPR and AED, physical fitness, and active shooter response training.

The program serves as an introductory course to KPD's Explorer Program, which provides young adults ages 14 through 20 an opportunity to explore a career in law enforcement.

The next class for KPD's Junior Police Academy has not yet been scheduled, however the department anticipates it will be offered during the next winter break. Details will be announced as more information becomes available.

For more information on KPD's Junior Police Academy, call Sgt. Lance Okasaki at 241-1647.

















